

Zickball – an old Bessarabian Game

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Zickball was a game for boys. Two teams of three boys each standing opposite of each other at a distance of about 25 meters. The two boys on the outside of each team have a hole in front of them into which they place a stick. One player of one of the teams, has a ball (tennis ball) which he pitches to an opponent standing in front of a stick. This opponent has to try to hit the ball with his stick as far as he can. The pitcher then has to fetch the ball and try to place it into a hole in front of the opponents while the other players with the sticks have to run into the middle of the field. They have to hit their sticks three times at the opponent's sticks and then return to their spot placing the stick into the holes. If the ball catcher was faster and could place the ball into an opponent's hole, that team then throws the ball.